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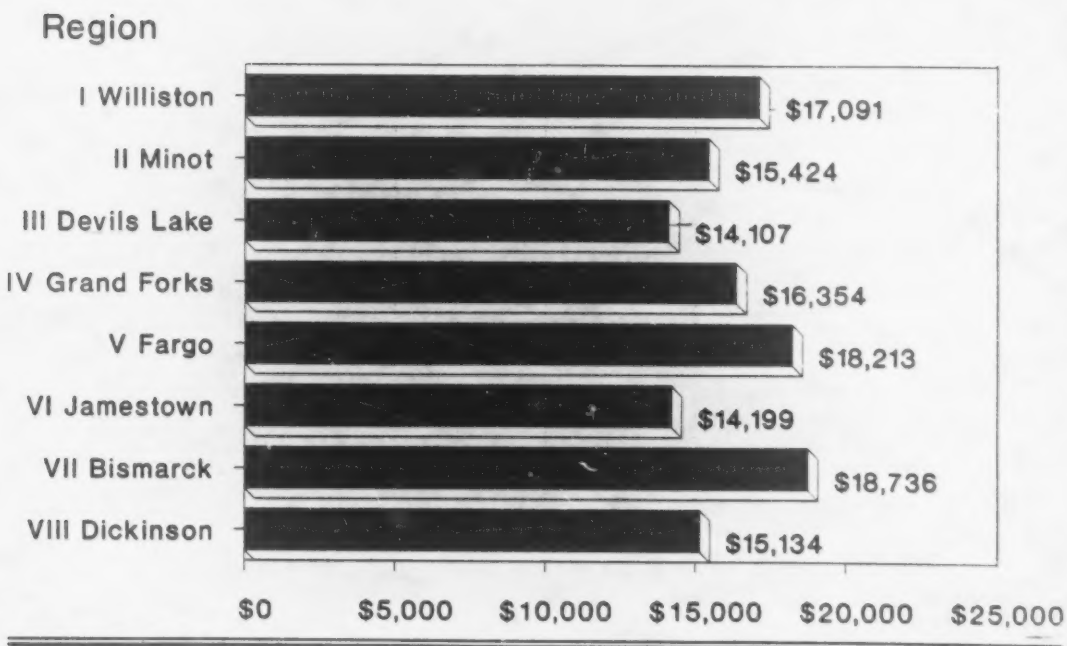

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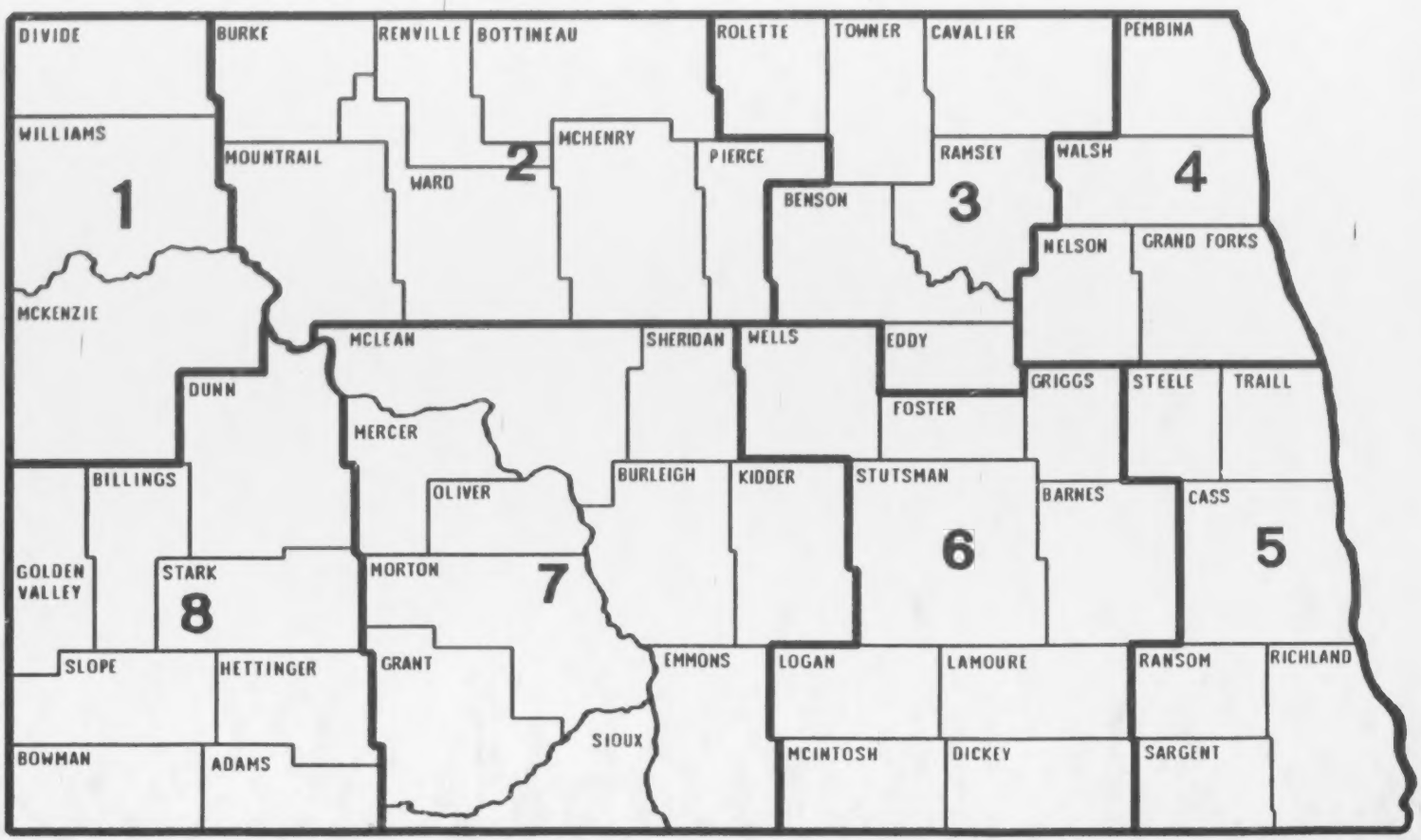

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NORTH DAKOTA EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES, 1989

Have you ever had a need or an interest in employment or wages for a county or planning region? How about total earnings for all workers employed in wage and salary jobs? Are you interested in the size of firms in the state or the amount of unemployment insurance benefit payments paid to all claimants in a county during a month or year? If your answer is "yes" to any of the above questions, you may want to obtain a copy of a new publication just produced by the Research and Statistics Section.

The annual publication, North Dakota Employment and Wages, 1989, was recently completed. It contains information primarily related to workers covered by state or federal unemployment insurance laws. Monthly employment, annual average employment, quarterly earnings, cumulative annual earnings and annual average earnings are displayed at various levels of industrial detail. One of the aspects that makes this publication popular is the geographic detail that is included. Besides data for the state, the information is also distributed for the eight planning regions and all fifty-three counties. Although 1989 is the most recent year for which covered employment and wages is available, it is still significant to note the growth, which started in 1987, is continuing. Slightly over 3,400 workers were added between 1988 and 1989. Mining and construction incurred relatively minor losses of less than 200, while two industries accounted for the bulk of the gain. Services, which has recorded increases every year for the past three decades, added 2,010 workers and retail trade gained 1,110.

While employment gains are important, average annual earnings also need to be reviewed. Although we recognize that changes in average annual earnings are influenced by increases, or lack of increases granted to workers in established businesses, employment growth also exerts an influence on average earnings.

The average annual earnings of workers covered by unemployment insurance in North Dakota increased by $423 to reach $16,924 in 1989. These earnings varied widely by county. Workers in Slope County, which is sparsely populated and has only 18 employers employing a total of 75 workers, had average annual earnings of only $8,031. On the opposite end of the scale, workers in Oliver County averaged $28,591. Mercer County was a close second with average annual earnings of $26,937.

A review of earnings by industry readily identifies why the workers in Oliver and Mercer counties have the highest earnings in the state. Both counties are in the heart of the energy producing country and involved in the production of both electrical energy and synthetic gas, as well as the mining of coal used in these facilities. Workers in the mining industry led the state in 1989 with annual average earnings of $30,635. In Mercer County, the average earnings for workers in the mining industry was $45,410 and those in transportation, communications and utilities averaged $38,951. Workers employed by special trade contractors involved in the maintenance and repair of these facilities also command comparatively high wages. This caused the average earnings in the construction industry to be relatively high in these counties. The statewide average was $20,297, while the annual average in Mercer County was $33,521. The combined industry of mining and construction in McLean County was $37,135.

Average annual earnings increased in all industries over the year. In the nonagricultural sector, workers in the mining industry had the largest increase, $1,520. Manufacturing and wholesale trade were in second

and third place with gains of $870 and $862 respectively. Retail trade, with the lowest average of all industries, $9,311, had the smallest increase over the year, $133. This industry has a low annual average due to the large number of workers employed at or near the minimum wage. In addition, many of the workers work part time which tends to lower the average for the industry.

A new section related to the size of firms in North Dakota was added this year. The information is provided in major industry detail. The vast majority of firms in North Dakota have only a few employees. Just how small are these firms? In 1989, nearly 61% of all employing units covered by unemployment insurance had 4 or fewer employees. This large group of employers, however, only employed 9% of all workers. At the next level, 79% of the employers had 9 or fewer workers and employed 20% of the workers.

By comparison, there are a number of large firms in the state. In March 1989, 783 firms (3.6% of all firms in North Dakota) employed 50 or more workers. While few in number, these employers employed 111,929 workers or nearly 48% of the total.

North Dakota Employment and Wages, 1989, contains county data as well as tables for the state and regions. In addition, information on benefit payments to claimants by month and by county are included in the publication. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, contact the Research and Statistics Section using the address listed on the back cover.

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NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	December 1990	November 1990	November 1990	December 1989	December 1989
TOTAL NONAG	268,950	270,150	-0.4%	264,700	1.6%
GOODS PRODUCING	30,700	32,900	-6.7%	29,450	4.2%
MINING	4,250	4,350	-2.3%	4,000	6.3%
Coal	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,100	-4.5%
Crude Petroleum & Nat. Gas	3,000	3,000	0.0%	2,700	11.1%
Other Mining	200	300	-33.3%	200	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	8,600	10,300	-16.5%	8,550	0.6%
Building Construction	2,300	2,600	-11.5%	2,500	-8.0%
Street, Highway & Heavy	1,600	2,500	-36.0%	1,350	18.5%
Special Trade Construction	4,700	5,200	-9.6%	4,700	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	17,850	18,250	-2.2%	16,900	5.6%
Durable Goods	9,100	9,150	-0.5%	8,250	10.3%
Primary & Fab. Metals	1,100	1,150	-4.3%	1,100	0.0%
Machinery & Trans. Equip	5,750	5,600	2.7%	5,100	12.7%
Machinery & Electric	4,100	4,000	2.5%	3,800	7.9%
Transportation Equipment	1,650	1,600	3.1%	1,300	26.9%
Other Durables	2,250	2,400	-6.3%	2,050	9.8%
Lumber & Wood	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,100	13.6%
Misc Durable	1,000	1,150	-13.0%	950	5.3%
Nondurable Goods	8,750	9,100	-3.8%	8,650	1.2%
Food & Kindred Products	4,700	5,000	-6.0%	4,500	4.4%
Dairy Products	650	650	0.0%	650	0.0%
Bakery Products	1,150	1,400	-17.9%	850	35.3%
Sugar & Confectionary	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
Other Foods	1,900	1,950	-2.6%	2,000	-5.0%
Printing & Publishing	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,500	4.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,450	1,500	-3.3%	1,650	-12.1%
SERVICES PRODUCING	238,250	237,250	0.4%	235,250	1.3%
TRAN, COMM & UTILITIES	17,550	17,450	0.6%	17,250	1.7%
Transportation	9,350	9,250	1.1%	9,050	3.3%
Trucking & Warehousing	5,300	5,200	1.9%	5,200	1.9%
Other Transportation	4,050	4,050	0.0%	3,850	5.2%
Railroads	1,900	1,900	0.0%	1,850	2.7%
Local & Suburban Transport	950	950	0.0%	950	0.0%
Water, Air & Pipeline	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,050	14.3%
Communications	3,500	3,500	0.0%	3,500	0.0%
Utilities	4,700	4,700	0.0%	4,700	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,300	19,300	0.0%	19,700	-2.0%
Durable Goods	8,800	8,800	0.0%	9,100	-3.3%
Nondurable Goods	10,500	10,500	0.0%	10,600	-0.9%

NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	December 1990	November 1990	November 1990	December 1989	December 1989
RETAIL TRADE	52,500	51,950	1.1%	51,700	1.5%
Hardware & Garden	2,400	2,400	0.0%	2,600	-7.7%
General Merchandise	7,900	7,700	2.6%	7,200	9.7%
Food Stores	7,300	7,200	1.4%	7,400	-1.4%
Auto & Service Stations	6,900	6,900	0.0%	6,700	3.0%
Apparel & Accessory	2,800	2,700	3.7%	2,900	-3.4%
Furniture Stores	1,700	1,650	3.0%	1,700	0.0%
Eating & Drinking Places	17,800	17,800	0.0%	17,800	0.0%
Misc Retail	5,700	5,600	1.8%	5,400	5.6%
FINANCE,INS & REAL ESTATE	12,450	12,400	0.4%	12,450	0.0%
Finance	6,550	6,550	0.0%	6,700	-2.2%
Banking	5,600	5,600	0.0%	5,700	-1.8%
Other Finance	950	950	0.0%	1,000	-5.0%
Insurance	3,950	3,950	0.0%	3,900	1.3%
Insurance Underwriters	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,500	0.0%
Ins. Agents & Brokers	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,400	3.6%
Real Estate	1,950	1,900	2.6%	1,850	5.4%
SERVICES	69,850	69,750	0.1%	66,950	4.3%
Lodging	4,500	4,500	0.0%	4,400	2.3%
Personal & Business	8,500	8,400	1.2%	8,200	3.7%
Personal Services	3,200	3,100	3.2%	3,200	0.0%
Business Services	5,300	5,300	0.0%	5,000	6.0%
Recreational Services	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,100	4.8%
Health Services	29,200	29,100	0.3%	27,800	5.0%
Nursing & Hospital	21,300	21,200	0.5%	20,100	6.0%
Other Health	7,900	7,900	0.0%	7,700	2.6%
Membership Organizations	8,200	8,200	0.0%	8,300	-1.2%
Educational Services	3,100	3,200	-3.1%	3,100	0.0%
Social Services	6,800	6,700	1.5%	5,800	17.2%
Other Services	7,350	7,450	-1.3%	7,250	1.4%
Auto & Misc Repair	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,200	4.5%
Legal Services	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,450	0.0%
Misc Services	3,600	3,700	-2.7%	3,600	0.0%
GOVERNMENT	66,600	66,400	0.3%	67,200	-0.9%
Federal	10,200	10,100	1.0%	10,300	-1.0%
State & Local	56,400	56,300	0.2%	56,900	-0.9%
State Government	20,200	20,300	-0.5%	20,600	-1.9%
Educational Services	13,300	13,400	-0.7%	13,700	-2.9%
Other State Government	6,900	6,900	0.0%	6,900	0.0%
Local Government	36,200	36,000	0.6%	36,300	-0.3%
Educational Services	18,500	18,400	0.5%	18,600	-0.5%
Other Local Government	17,700	17,600	0.6%	17,700	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	December 1990	November 1990	November 1990	December 1989	December 1989
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL NONAG	79,500	80,250	-0.9%	77,150	3.0%
GOODS PRODUCING	9,350	10,400	-10.1%	8,700	7.5%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	3,550	4,300	-17.4%	3,350	6.0%
Special Trades	2,000	2,200	-9.1%	1,900	5.3%
Other Construction & Mining	1,550	2,100	-26.2%	1,450	6.9%
MANUFACTURING	5,800	6,100	-4.9%	5,350	8.4%
Durable Goods	2,800	2,850	-1.8%	2,500	12.0%
Fabricated Metal & Machinery	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,400	7.1%
Other Durable Goods	1,300	1,350	-3.7%	1,100	18.2%
Nondurable Goods	3,000	3,250	-7.7%	2,850	5.3%
Food & Kindred	1,950	2,200	-11.4%	1,850	5.4%
Other Nondurables	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	70,150	69,850	0.4%	68,450	2.5%
TRANS, COMM & UTIL	4,950	4,950	0.0%	4,850	2.1%
Trucking & Warehousing	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
Other Transportation	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,200	4.5%
Communications & Utilities	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,650	-3.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,700	6,700	0.0%	6,800	-1.5%
Durable	3,900	3,900	0.0%	3,800	2.6%
Nondurable	2,800	2,800	0.0%	3,000	-6.7%
RETAIL TRADE	16,000	15,750	1.6%	15,500	3.2%
General Merchandise & Apparel	3,600	3,500	2.9%	3,200	12.5%
Food Stores	1,850	1,800	2.8%	2,000	-7.5%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,950	1,950	0.0%	1,700	14.7%
Eating & Drinking Places	5,800	5,700	1.8%	5,800	0.0%
Other Retail	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,800	0.0%
FINANCE, INS & R E	4,600	4,600	0.0%	4,500	2.2%
Finance	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,000	5.0%
Insurance Carriers	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,450	0.0%
Other Fin, Ins. & R.Estate	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,050	0.0%
SERVICES	22,750	22,600	0.7%	21,750	4.6%
Lodging	1,400	1,400	0.0%	1,350	3.7%
Personal & Business	3,700	3,700	0.0%	3,600	2.8%
Recreation & Amusement	800	800	0.0%	850	-5.9%
Health Services	8,300	8,300	0.0%	7,900	5.1%
Educational Services	2,400	2,300	4.3%	2,300	4.3%
Social Services	1,850	1,850	0.0%	1,650	12.1%
Membership Services	1,500	1,450	3.4%	1,500	0.0%
Other Services	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,600	7.7%
GOVERNMENT	15,150	15,250	-0.7%	15,050	0.7%
Federal	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,300	0.0%
State	6,250	6,350	-1.6%	6,250	0.0%
State School	5,700	5,800	-1.7%	5,700	0.0%
Other State	550	550	0.0%	550	0.0%
Local	6,600	6,600	0.0%	6,500	1.5%
Local School	4,100	4,200	-2.4%	3,900	5.1%
Other Local	2,500	2,400	4.2%	2,600	-3.8%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	December 1990	November 1990	November 1990	December 1989	December 1989
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	33,200	33,200	0.0%	32,400	2.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	2,650	2,950	-10.2%	2,750	-3.6%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,050	1,300	-19.2%	1,200	-12.5%
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,650	-3.0%	1,550	3.2%
Durable Goods	600	600	0.0%	550	9.1%
Nondurable Goods	1,000	1,050	-4.8%	1,000	0.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	30,550	30,250	1.0%	29,650	3.0%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	1,750	1,700	2.9%	1,700	2.9%
Transportation	1,100	1,050	4.8%	1,050	4.8%
Communications & Utilities	650	650	0.0%	650	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,600	3.1%
RETAIL TRADE	8,500	8,300	2.4%	7,900	7.6%
General Merchandise & Apparel	2,400	2,200	9.1%	2,100	14.3%
Eating & Drinking Places	3,000	3,000	0.0%	2,800	7.1%
Other Retail	3,100	3,100	0.0%	3,000	3.3%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,150	4.3%
SERVICES	7,300	7,300	0.0%	7,000	4.3%
Personal & Business	1,000	1,000	0.0%	900	11.1%
Health	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,800	0.0%
Other Services	3,500	3,500	0.0%	3,300	6.1%
GOVERNMENT	10,150	10,100	0.5%	10,300	-1.5%
Federal	1,550	1,500	3.3%	1,600	-3.1%
State	5,950	5,950	0.0%	6,150	-3.3%
State School	5,500	5,500	0.0%	5,700	-3.5%
Other State	450	450	0.0%	450	0.0%
Local	2,650	2,650	0.0%	2,550	3.9%
Local School	1,350	1,400	-3.6%	1,350	0.0%
Other Local	1,300	1,250	4.0%	1,200	8.3%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	December 1990	November 1990	November 1990	December 1989	December 1989
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	40,900	40,650	0.6%	39,600	3.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	4,100	4,400	-6.8%	3,700	10.8%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,850	2,100	-11.9%	1,500	23.3%
MANUFACTURING	2,250	2,300	-2.2%	2,200	2.3%
Durable Goods	900	950	-5.3%	900	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	1,350	1,350	0.0%	1,300	3.8%
SERVICES PRODUCING	36,800	36,250	1.5%	35,900	2.5%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	3,050	3,000	1.7%	2,900	5.2%
Transportation	1,300	1,250	4.0%	1,250	4.0%
Communications & Utilities	1,750	1,750	0.0%	1,650	6.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,300	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	8,550	8,150	4.9%	8,350	2.4%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,900	1,800	5.6%	1,850	2.7%
Food Stores	1,100	1,050	4.8%	1,050	4.8%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,150	-8.7%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,800	2,600	7.7%	2,700	3.7%
Other Retail	1,700	1,650	3.0%	1,600	6.3%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,550	-3.2%
SERVICES	12,350	12,400	-0.4%	11,800	4.7%
Lodging	900	900	0.0%	900	0.0%
Personal & Business	1,500	1,450	3.4%	1,400	7.1%
Health Services	5,200	5,200	0.0%	4,800	8.3%
Educational Services	750	750	0.0%	850	-11.8%
Social Services	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,100	4.5%
Membership Services	1,150	1,200	-4.2%	1,100	4.5%
Other Services	1,700	1,750	-2.9%	1,650	3.0%
GOVERNMENT	9,050	8,900	1.7%	9,000	0.6%
Federal	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,200	-4.2%
State	4,050	4,000	1.3%	3,950	2.5%
State Schools	350	300	16.7%	350	0.0%
Other State	3,700	3,700	0.0%	3,600	2.8%
Local	3,850	3,750	2.7%	3,850	0.0%
Local Schools	2,300	2,200	4.5%	2,200	4.5%
Other Local	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,650	-6.1%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	DEC 1990	NOV 1990	DEC 1989	DEC 1990	NOV 1990	DEC 1989	DEC 1990	NOV 1990	DEC 1989
MANUFACTURING	460.24	447.98	441.08	41.5	40.8	41.3	11.09	10.98	10.68
Durable Goods	488.04	472.98	468.86	42.0	41.2	41.9	11.62	11.48	11.19
Nondurable Goods	421.65	415.49	402.38	40.7	40.3	40.4	10.36	10.31	9.96

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	DEC 1990	NOV 1990	DEC 1989	DEC 1990	NOV 1990	DEC 1989	DEC 1990	NOV 1990	DEC 1989
MANUFACTURING	350.32	350.64	368.81	39.9	39.8	41.3	8.78	8.81	8.93
Durable Goods	370.94	374.33	397.38	41.4	41.0	43.1	8.96	9.13	9.22
Nondurable Goods	326.99	325.71	338.84	38.2	38.5	39.4	8.56	8.46	8.60
Food & Kindred	342.74	335.79	359.82	40.9	41.1	43.3	8.38	8.17	8.31

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	DEC 1990	NOV 1990	DEC 1989	DEC 1990	NOV 1990	DEC 1989	DEC 1990	NOV 1990	DEC 1989
MANUFACTURING	334.40	328.86	386.96	38.0	37.8	42.9	8.80	8.70	9.02
Durable Goods	330.80	337.06	389.73	38.6	38.0	43.4	8.57	8.87	8.98
Nondurable Goods	338.25	322.71	385.48	37.5	37.7	42.5	9.02	8.56	9.07

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	DEC 1990	NOV 1990	NOV 1990	DEC 1989	DEC 1989
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	126,791	126,231	0.4%	126,246	0.4%
Employment	119,191	118,876	0.3%	119,588	-0.3%
Unemployment	7,600	7,355	3.3%	6,658	14.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	5.8%	xxx	5.3%	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	316,670	319,760	-1.0%	322,600	-1.8%
Employment	304,670	309,600	-1.6%	309,300	-1.5%
Unemployment	12,000	10,160	18.1%	13,300	-9.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.2%	xxx	4.1%	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	88,540	90,090	-1.7%	87,930	0.7%
Employment	86,050	88,110	-2.3%	85,630	0.5%
Unemployment	2,490	1,980	25.8%	2,300	8.3%
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	2.2%	xxx	2.6%	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,210	36,460	-0.7%	36,490	-0.8%
Employment	35,120	35,520	-1.1%	35,370	-0.7%
Unemployment	1,090	940	16.0%	1,120	-2.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	2.6%	xxx	3.1%	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	46,880	46,850	0.1%	46,850	0.1%
Employment	45,130	45,420	-0.6%	44,760	0.8%
Unemployment	1,750	1,430	22.4%	2,090	-16.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.0%	xxx	4.5%	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Grand Forks Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Grand Forks County.
The Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.
The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

(In Thousands)
NOV 1990

	NORTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	319.8	2,445.7	356.9	392.9
Employment	309.6	2,353.8	344.7	366.4
Unemployment	10.2	91.9	12.2	26.5
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.8%	3.4%	6.7%

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84=100)

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	DEC 1990	NOV 1990	Percent Change From NOV 1990	DEC 1989	Percent Change From DEC 1989
All Items	124.0	133.8	133.8	0.0%	126.1	6.1%
Food & Beverage	124.9	133.9	133.7	0.1%	127.2	5.3%
Housing	123.0	130.5	130.4	0.1%	124.9	4.5%
Apparel & Upkeep	118.6	125.3	127.5	-1.7%	119.2	5.1%
Transportation	114.1	127.2	126.9	0.2%	115.2	10.4%
Medical Care	149.3	169.2	168.4	0.5%	154.4	9.6%
Entertainment	126.5	134.6	134.4	0.1%	129.1	4.3%
All Other	147.7	164.5	163.6	0.6%	152.9	7.6%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	DEC 1990	NOV 1990	Percent Change From NOV 1990	DEC 1989	Percent Change From DEC 1989
All Commodities	112.2	118.6	120.1	-1.2%	113.0	5.0%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	115.3	117.0	117.4	-0.3%	116.5	0.4%
Industrial Commodities	111.6	118.9	120.6	-1.4%	112.3	5.9%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	DEC'90	NOV'90	DEC'89	DEC'90	NOV'90	DEC'89	DEC'90	NOV'90	DEC'89	DEC'90	NOV'90	DEC'89
Divide	1,230	1,238	1,302	1,198	1,202	1,276	32	36	26	2.6%	2.9%	2.0%
McKenzie	2,557	2,575	2,719	2,479	2,525	2,622	78	50	97	3.1%	1.9%	3.6%
Williams	10,269	10,288	10,573	9,920	9,993	10,200	349	295	373	3.4%	2.9%	3.5%
REGION 1	14,056	14,101	14,594	13,597	13,720	14,098	459	381	496	3.3%	2.7%	3.4%
Bottineau	3,117	3,134	3,251	2,978	3,055	3,078	139	79	173	4.5%	2.5%	5.3%
Burke	1,128	1,152	1,231	1,080	1,106	1,175	48	46	56	4.3%	4.0%	4.5%
McHenry	2,379	2,404	2,495	2,118	2,180	2,201	261	224	294	11.0%	9.3%	11.8%
Mountrail	3,207	3,216	3,208	3,029	3,070	3,014	178	146	194	5.6%	4.5%	6.0%
Pierce	2,346	2,364	2,410	2,264	2,321	2,325	82	43	85	3.5%	1.8%	3.5%
Renville	1,170	1,163	1,197	1,115	1,141	1,146	55	22	51	4.7%	1.9%	4.3%
Ward	24,447	24,677	25,106	23,416	23,732	23,952	1,031	945	1,154	4.2%	3.8%	4.6%
REGION 2	37,794	38,110	38,898	36,000	36,605	36,891	1,794	1,505	2,007	4.7%	3.9%	5.2%
Benson	2,252	2,307	2,702	1,995	2,077	2,447	257	230	255	11.4%	10.0%	9.4%
Cavalier	2,405	2,421	2,518	2,284	2,337	2,368	121	84	150	5.0%	3.5%	6.0%
Eddy	1,353	1,357	1,364	1,217	1,281	1,252	136	76	112	10.1%	5.6%	8.2%
Ramsey	6,728	6,709	6,643	6,499	6,552	6,385	229	157	258	3.4%	2.3%	3.9%
Rolette	4,295	4,405	4,375	3,803	3,955	3,880	492	450	495	11.5%	10.2%	11.3%
Towner	1,564	1,558	1,691	1,500	1,492	1,613	64	66	78	4.1%	4.2%	4.6%
REGION 3	18,597	18,757	19,293	17,298	17,694	17,945	1,299	1,063	1,348	7.0%	5.7%	7.0%
Grand Forks	36,217	36,461	36,489	35,123	35,522	35,365	1,094	939	1,124	3.0%	2.6%	3.1%
Nelson	1,742	1,769	1,830	1,661	1,687	1,728	81	82	102	4.6%	4.6%	5.6%
Pembina	5,184	5,227	5,271	4,848	4,906	4,867	336	321	404	6.5%	6.1%	7.7%
Walsh	7,065	7,062	7,344	6,719	6,771	7,017	346	291	327	4.9%	4.1%	4.5%
REGION 4	50,208	50,519	50,934	48,351	48,886	48,977	1,857	1,633	1,957	3.7%	3.2%	3.8%
Cass	61,813	63,011	62,161	60,529	61,846	60,739	1,284	1,165	1,422	2.1%	1.8%	2.3%
Ransom	2,460	2,409	2,588	2,388	2,367	2,499	72	42	89	2.9%	1.7%	3.4%
Richland	8,325	8,410	8,529	8,066	8,170	8,199	259	240	330	3.1%	2.9%	3.9%
Sargent	2,522	2,575	2,530	2,480	2,539	2,493	42	36	37	1.7%	1.4%	1.5%
Steele	949	978	1,041	930	959	992	19	19	49	2.0%	1.9%	4.7%
Traill	4,327	4,400	4,403	4,206	4,306	4,242	121	94	161	2.8%	2.1%	3.7%
REGION 5	80,396	81,783	81,252	78,599	80,187	79,164	1,797	1,596	2,088	2.2%	2.0%	2.6%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	DEC'90	NOV'90	DEC'89	DEC'90	NOV'90	DEC'89	DEC'90	NOV'90	DEC'89	DEC'90	NOV'90	DEC'89
Barnes	5,569	5,760	5,733	5,393	5,573	5,423	176	187	310	3.2%	3.2%	5.4%
Dickey	3,001	3,084	3,015	2,920	3,013	2,936	81	71	79	2.7%	2.3%	2.6%
Foster	2,237	2,269	2,176	2,114	2,179	2,077	123	90	99	5.5%	4.0%	4.5%
Griggs	1,379	1,441	1,462	1,332	1,399	1,407	47	42	55	3.4%	2.9%	3.8%
La Moure	2,141	2,173	2,222	2,054	2,093	2,135	87	80	87	4.1%	3.7%	3.9%
Logan	1,365	1,360	1,397	1,314	1,335	1,365	51	25	32	3.7%	1.8%	2.3%
McIntosh	2,086	2,129	2,157	2,046	2,087	2,103	40	42	54	1.9%	2.0%	2.5%
Stutsman	11,376	11,401	11,631	10,975	11,085	11,211	401	316	420	3.5%	2.8%	3.6%
Wells	2,600	2,586	2,718	2,404	2,449	2,534	196	137	184	7.5%	5.3%	6.8%
REGION 6	31,754	32,203	32,511	30,552	31,213	31,191	1,202	990	1,320	3.8%	3.1%	4.1%
Burleigh	34,293	34,302	34,233	33,117	33,328	32,845	1,176	974	1,388	3.4%	2.8%	4.1%
Emmons	1,963	2,040	2,055	1,854	1,946	1,941	109	94	114	5.6%	4.6%	5.5%
Grant	1,635	1,671	1,719	1,585	1,626	1,659	50	45	60	3.1%	2.7%	3.5%
Kidder	1,420	1,466	1,489	1,296	1,347	1,351	124	119	138	8.7%	8.1%	9.3%
McLean	4,239	4,343	4,262	3,975	4,147	4,012	264	196	250	6.2%	4.5%	5.9%
Mercer	5,298	5,275	5,453	5,002	5,042	5,095	296	233	358	5.6%	4.4%	6.6%
Morton	12,586	12,541	12,615	12,012	12,089	11,914	574	452	701	4.6%	3.6%	5.6%
Oliver	939	944	988	880	899	934	59	45	54	6.3%	4.8%	5.5%
Sheridan	1,140	1,164	1,138	1,063	1,102	1,069	77	62	69	6.8%	5.3%	6.1%
Sioux	1,122	1,175	1,145	1,010	1,056	1,027	112	119	118	10.0%	10.1%	10.3%
REGION 7	64,635	64,921	65,097	61,794	62,582	61,847	2,841	2,339	3,250	4.4%	3.6%	5.0%
Adams	1,607	1,619	1,628	1,570	1,584	1,585	37	35	43	2.3%	2.2%	2.6%
Billings	591	628	628	558	596	593	33	32	35	5.6%	5.1%	5.6%
Bowman	2,005	2,000	2,067	1,969	1,968	2,022	36	32	45	1.8%	1.6%	2.2%
Dunn	1,652	1,683	1,665	1,597	1,629	1,556	55	54	109	3.3%	3.2%	6.5%
Gldn Valley	985	971	1,016	959	949	986	26	22	30	2.6%	2.3%	3.0%
Hettinger	1,626	1,608	1,674	1,536	1,562	1,617	90	46	57	5.5%	2.9%	3.4%
Slope	397	411	420	371	386	394	26	25	26	6.5%	6.1%	6.2%
Stark	10,377	10,448	10,924	9,927	10,042	10,437	450	406	487	4.3%	3.9%	4.5%
REGION 8	19,240	19,368	20,022	18,487	18,716	19,190	753	652	832	3.9%	3.4%	4.2%
STATE TOTALS	316,674	319,758	322,603	304,673	309,601	309,304	12,001	10,157	13,299	3.8%	3.2%	4.1%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which included the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often call the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all states of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay from the pay period which included the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

JOB SERVICE OFFICE LOCATIONS

BISMARCK
216 Second Street
Phone: 224-2880

BEULAH
119 East Main
Phone: 873-5607

DEVILS LAKE
301 South College Drive
Phone: 662- 2181

DICKINSON
66 Osborn Drive
Phone: 227-2361

FARGO
1350 32nd Street South
Phone: 237-7113

NDSU-FARGO
Job Information and
Placement Center
211 Ceres Hall
Phone: 237-7111

FORT TOTTEN
Tribal Building
Phone: 766-4221, Ext. 45

FORT YATES
Job Service Building
Phone: 854-7463

GRAFTON
927 12th St. West
Phone: 352-2202

GRAND FORKS
2016 South Washington
Phone: 777-3711

UND-GRAND FORKS
McCannel Hall- Room 141
Phone: 777-3904

HARVEY
119 9th St. West
Phone: 324-4552

HETTINGER
606 2nd Avenue North
Phone: 567-2156

JAMESTOWN
429 2nd Street Southwest
Phone: 251-2256

MANDAN
501 1st Street Northwest
Phone: 663-6461

MINOT
3416 North Broadway
Phone: 857-7650

NEW TOWN
Tribal Administration Building
Phone: 627-4390

OAKES
517 Main Ave.
PHONE: 742-2546

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103 East Main
Phone: 477-5631

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2425 West Main
Phone: 845-7261

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524 2nd Avenue North
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